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COUNSELING IN A SHELTER

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Mr. Ackerly is Chair of the Evening Advocates and a Member of the Steering Committee, L.A. County Barrister's Homeless Shelter Project.

Vince listened intently to Judge Pregerson describe the program at the Bell Homeless Shelter. "This is a Republican idea!" he said. "Job training, partnership with business to get people off welfare, Republicans should be doing these projects." I laughed, as homeless shelter work always seemed to me part of the progressive political agenda. But it proved what everyone finds true about work at a homeless shelter: whatever your preconceived notions are, they're wrong.

Judge Pregerson helped establish the Bell Shelter. During a hard winter, city buildings were opened to the homeless, but the federal court houses remained closed to them. After four people froze to death in the county, Judge Pregerson helped the Salvation Army rent and slowly refurbish the building. He has known the facility's manager, Mike Mason, since Mike first arrived at the facility seeking shelter soon after it opened in 1988.

As I drove up to the Bell Shelter the first time, I was struck by the tremendous irony. A surplus government warehouse had

been converted into a warehouse for human beings. But once you walk inside and see the amazing transformation of a 40,000 sq. ft. building into a community for 180 men and 30 women, you quickly lose any sense of the building's original function. Beyond the dorms and cafeteria are a gym, laundromat, library, game room, and school room.

"No bums!" a friend told me. "I live in West Hollywood and see them all the time. I don't want to work with bums." The first sign I saw inside the door notified all residents that they had to shower immediately upon entering. I realized I hadn't showered since 6 that morning: they were cleaner than I was.

A small waiting room was filled. The word had gone out: "The lawyers are here." Names are called off, and after a quick review of the clients' problems, they are assigned to volunteers. I walked off with a Latino in his '50's to a quiet part of the lounge, quickly reviewing what I'd been told.

The manual held a vast amount of information on benefits, family law, employment law, etc. The most important feature was the long index of referrals. From the story the client would tell me, I should try to identify which service providers could help him. I wasn't expected to solve his

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IMPROVING ETHICS AT LLS

GARY PFISTER ('95)

IMPROVING ETHICS AT
LOYOLA

ECN (Ethics, Counseling and Negotiation) is a required class at Loyola. The MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam) is a requirement to take the Bar. Loyola Law School should have the Registrar set the final exam, which covers the Ethics topic, the week before the MPRE for that semester. Counseling and Negotiation skills are live presentations and are graded in a separate manner.

What are the benefits:

1. The School saves money. Inside staff can handle the midterm.
2. The Registrar has an easier time at finals by recruiting fewer proctors and have fewer finals to schedule.
3. Professors have their final grading spread out and not back loaded.
4. Students have a better chance to pass the MPRE by concentrating on two exams with the same material at once.
5. The school has glory reflected on it by a higher passing rate and ethics higher score, not to mention fewer repeaters.
6. Students will become more ethical Lawyers by concentrat

ing on
the material.

Number 6 is really the only reason needed and really should be the number 1 reason. Reason 6 is the goal of the MPRE and the ECN class. I am, however, asking for an administrative change and submit that beyond the goals of higher ethics, better student scheduling and better faculty scheduling it is cheaper than the present system.

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Please. PARTY PRUDENTLY



If you don't stop your friend from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.



U.S. Department of Transportation

WESTLAW UPDATE

Welcome again to WESTLAW UPDATATE, a concise summary of WESTLAW press releases sent to *The Loyola Reporter* on a regular basis.

The following databases have been added to WESTLAW for your researching pleasure. Some are treatises that have been placed on-line; others are looseleaf services and others are databases acquired from other on-line services.

For more information on specific databases, call the West Reference Attorneys at 1-800-REF-ATTY (1-800-733-2889). For technical assistance in general, call West Customer Service at 1-800-WESTLAW (1-800-837-8529).

DB NAME is the name you'd use to call it up once you've logged on to WESTLAW.

If any database is not available, let us know.

DB NAME	WHAT'S IN THE DATABASE
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ADA-LH	Comprehensive legislative history of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Docs include: public laws, committee reports, bill or amendment versions, hearings, excerpts of congressional debates and other "miscellaneous transcripts" relating to the Act.
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BJS	Bennet's Guide to Jury Selection and Trial Dynamics in Civil and Criminal Litigation. Jury selection and trial presentation strategies for both civil and criminal litigation eloquently elucidated in a single volume by noted authorities, Cathy E. Bennett and Robert B. Hirschorn.
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EDR- RAATS	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Action Tracking System database. Contains "over 8,500" records of administrative and civil actions brought under RCRA brought by the EPA.
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ELI- SENVL	Sustainable Environmental Law database. Full text of <i>Sustainable Environmental Law</i> (a treatise) by Celia Campell- Mohn, Barry Breen and J. William Futrell.
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FAMLV- LH	Complete legislative history of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. Docs include: public laws, committee reports, bill or amendment versions, hearings, excerpts of congressional debates and other "miscellaneous transcripts" relating to the Act.
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JURIDIAL	12 databases containing foreign materials. (That's all the info they gave us!)
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JW- ADA Americans With Disabilities Act database. Full text of the treatise *Americans with Disabilities Act Handbook, 2d Edition* by Henry R. Perritt, Jr. Includes main text and "portion(s) of the volume's supplement" as well as "any pertinent ancillary materials as they are reproduced."

OJ- COMMENT Ongoing commentary on the O.J. Simpson trial by "various legal experts" including but not limited to, Prof. Laurie Levenson.

OJ- TRANS OFFICIAL edited transcripts and court docs in the O.J. Simpson trial. Hypertext linked to statutes and cases, to let you jump on into the material referenced.

OJ- UPDATE UNOFFICIAL trial transcripts, transmitted directly into WESTLAW by independent court reporters.



THE BILL OF RIGHTS

THE 1995 LLS VERSION

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AMENDMENT VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to endless delays and a well- publicized trial, by a jury of his choosing and district wherein the crime shall be rationalized; which district shall be ascertained by demographic research, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the possible defenses; to be confronted with the witnesses against him, except if polls require said confrontation to take place by videotape or closed circuit television; to have compulsory process for obtaining book and movie contracts in his favor, and to have the assistance of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for his defence.

AMENDMENT VII

In Suits at common law, where Ralph Nader is involved, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re- examined in any Court of the United States, except if it favors a corporate defendant.

AMENDMENT VIII

Bail shall not be required, nor punishment inflicted. Mail all fines to: Bureau of Traffic adjudication, 65 K Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20004, and make checks payable to D.C. Treasurer. Assaults on Parking Enforcement Personnel are Fully Prosecuted, unlike assaults on anyone else.

AMENDMENT IX

The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the Government.

AMENDMENT X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the United States in the Commerce Clause, or in the Fourteenth Amendment.

AMENDMENT I

Congress shall make no law respecting religion, or allowing the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble, except upon college campuses, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances in times of Republican Administration.

AMENDMENT II

Helplessness in the face of crime, being an excuse necessary to the securing of all power by a centralized government, the right of the National Guard to fill Sandbags in times of Flood, shall not be infringed.

AMENDMENT III

No Vagabond shall, in time of day be quartered in any house, without the expenditure of tax money, nor in time of night, but in a manner to be prescribed by community activists.

AMENDMENT IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, crack- houses, housing projects, homeless shelters, apartments, bedrooms, high school lockers, light aircraft entering the United states from the south, wombs, cars, including trunks thereof, luggage, papers, and effects, against searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue.

AMENDMENT V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital crime; or otherwise for a crime, unless on presentment or indictment of the Media, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the National Guard, or in the Los Angeles Police Department, when in actual service; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb, unless the first trial's outcome is incorrect, nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness, nor be deprived of liberty; nor shall private property be taken for public use without an environmental impact statement.

RENAMING THE ART

GARY PFISTER ('95)



GRADES MATTER

AN "O.J. SURVEY"

DAVID RUBIN ('95)

Because of the great interest people have been showing in the O.J. Simpson murder trial, the Reporter is conducting a poll to ascertain the views of the LLS community concerning the case. You are encouraged to respond to this survey, whether you are an administrator, student, faculty member, or even Pico the dog. Your answers will be reported in the next issue. Please submit your answers to the Reporter's office (Rains 122- - The building in which the library is housed, around the corner from the Moot Court) in a timely fashion.

Survey Instructions: Circle your answers. You can select as many answers per question as you deem proper.

Question 1: How important is this trial in the scheme of things?

a) ITS THE TRIAL OF THE CENTURY! THE MEDIA DOESN'T COVER THIS IMPORTANT STORY NEARLY ENOUGH!!

b) I heard something about this O.J. guy- - What's he accused of doing again?

c) Trial of the Century? Well, I guess those Nuremberg trials might have qualified for this appellation, had Goebbels made a run for it on the Autobahn. Really folks, isn't it time to get a life (providing O.J. doesn't slash your throat first)?

Question 2: Johnny Cochoran is an example of...

a) What a LLS alumnus can achieve.

b) Everything that is wrong with our legal system.

c) The type of person I would want on my side if I slashed my ex- wife's throat, and wanted to get away with it.

Question 3: Marcia Clark is...

a) A lot better looking than Johnny Cochoran.

b) Going to become the Vincent Bugliosi of the 90's.

c) A living example of a why a woman's place may be in the courtroom, not the kitchen.

Question 4: O.J. Simpson is...

a) A murderer.

b) A wife beater.

c) Norberg.

d) An innocent man, being framed by the same evil establishment which engineered the assassination of President Kennedy.

Question 5: After the trial is over...

a) Lance Ito will become fabulously wealthy as Judge

Wapner's replacement on the New People's Court.

b) Marcia Clark will run for Attorney General in 1998- - and win.

c) Johnny Cochoran will teach Trial Advocacy at LLS as an adjunct professor, resulting in a wait list consisting of the entire school.

Question 6: Nicole Brown was...

a) A loving mother whose life was wrongly cut short.

b) A flirt who had it coming- - She had no right to leave the great O.J. Simpson.

Question 7: Ronald Goldman was...

a) The age of most LLS students- - But unlike most LLS students, he will not get to see life's many potentials; that this is so is an abomination.

b) A guy who got in the way of O.J. slashing Nicole's throat, so he had it coming.

Question 8: Why did O.J. do it?

a) Control.

b) Attention deficit disorder.

c) If he couldn't have Nicole, no one could.

d) He didn't do it. That racist cop stole a sample of O.J.'s blood, and mixed it in with the victim's blood. He then took this mixture and stole a pair of O.J.'s socks, and poured some of the blood mixture on the socks. After this, he planted the bloody glove. After all of that, the cop used telepathy to force O.J. to run from the law- - with a disguise, \$10,000 in cash, and a passport.

Question 9: If convicted, what should be O.J.'s punishment?

a) Sentenced to a prison run by Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

b) Get to share a cell with Jeffrey Dahmer's old cell-mate.

c) Put a third seat in the Gas Chamber, so he and the Menendez boys can go all at the same time.

d) HEY! What is it with these Draconian punishments? Five years in a halfway house should be sufficient to rehabilitate O.J. He had a troubled youth, after all.

Comments: Feel free to submit your own comments on the O.J. case, or this survey. Clever, witty, and nasty responses will be published in the next issue. If you plan on making your response more than a few sentences, please submit it on a WordPerfect 3.5" diskette. Submissions from any of our star-struck professors would be especially welcome.

POETRY BY R.J. COMER

MERRIFIELD HALL
- Turbo Trade School Acid Flashback

A stretching
 bloodless
 garish
 peeling
 the chrome- lit
 glass- sheeted
 scaffold climbs
 a nakedness revealing

wooden bones showing through transparent skin
like some architectual wound unhealed

unsecret structure
opened bare and proud and raw
makes Klimt seem literal
and Matisse seem drab

reminds me of fond old chemical days
when no structure maintained form or function for long
the horror of color
a cascade of purple
these fluid frames of unsolid beams
stretching and pliant
as gravity- defiant flesh

This roof - my roof
and all these meandering obliterations
unexplained and badly painted faces
now colliding into this - only this?

this civilized and sober intellectualism?

this collective observance of structure
in structure's naked absence?

this pencil- wielding gladiator's trade school?

and this great open, deconstructed and distracting ceiling
taking me out to some other time
simultaneously above and below the ruthless median
smiling inappropriate and unconcerned
ecstatic as Mona Lisa
straddling a laundromat washer on spin cycle...

Please don't call on me now Professor Celebrity!
I'm almost there... almost there man...
I'm almost there...
beyond the anchoring weight of monastic sacrifice
for the mere promise of a someday...
a someday that is now your gee- I- remember- whenday...
a someday when it's my turn to look back
on what I overlooked then day...

The Critical Uncritical
Path

The bourbon still as honey in a Playboy shotglass
scored long ago at The Mansion
when Hef was a client (of sorts)
and the money was good
and sex only killed rabbits

Long ago, when the good life included more caring
than political correctness...

Slanting rays sliced by permeable blinds
pulls the head from the soiled pillow
where the names and faces and stories
of too many lovers collide semiconscious
like dust bunnies in the wind of closet door swung open

The chill of dawn and dew comes on urbanly
upon a pace imposed
a list already made
a foodless breakfast
a beckoning of routine commitments
with the gnashing teeth of the mundane

A couple of teenagers in hip- hop merch munch Cheetos and
gulp soda
on their way from the stop- n- rob to the high school
and she is pregnant
and he is tough
and you know to adjust away from offensive labels
and the wind sweeps the skyline clean
with its typical environmental tease
kissing the senses and breaking the heart

Everyone gets what they want
you want to think
and the birthing sun obliges
the brisk and clear soothes the swelling
of last night's bruises
and this morning's reminders

Hope comes on like addiction
a few glimpses at the pristine towers downtown
glistening cool and slick on azure climbs
promising all that sheltered validation and acceptance
and soon you're thinking
somehow the empty wallet and stomach will fill themselves
somehow you will outdistance the sad pathologies
of a dismembered age
somehow the fumes in the tank will get you where you want to
go

An you are not far
not far at all
from right



dear SANDRA

Dear Nieces and Nephews,

This is the issue in which we answer, briefly, a whole slew of the stupidest questions we get throughout the year. In the Court, we call them Memorandum Opinions. The shorter, the sweeter. OK, here goes:

Dear Sandra,
After Court, do you all go out to a friendly tavern and chew the fat over a few beers, dance to the jukebox or play darts to let off steam? Or, do you go on over to Furr's Cafeteria and have a food fight with a few truckers?
- Moosehead

Dear Moosehead,
No, and no. Are you one of those people that someone has to explain "The Dukes of Hazzard" to? When they were passing out brains, did you think they said "pains" and reply "as few as possible"? SDO

Clarence Thomas, dissenting
There's nothing better than a food fight with New Gingrich and Rush Limbaugh.
Truckers are also OK, though.

Dear Sandra,
Tell me truly, now. Don't you just LOVE those last-minute

death appeals? Don't you just get such a kick out of playing God?
- Morbid

Dear Morbid,
No. Playing God gets to be a real pain in the pineapple just like any other legal job. ALL THE COUSINS

Dear Sandra,
Do you, or anyone else on the Court, sleep naked?
- Curious

Dear Curious,
No. SDO.
Yes. Nino
You wouldn't care. R. B. Ginsberg.

Dear Sandra,
What were your grades in law school?
- Anal

Dear Anal,
It's been so long, and we're all getting so senile, it doesn't matter. Go back to sleep. SDO.

Dear Sandra,
What's your parking structure

like at the Supreme Court?
- Parker

Dear Parker(!),
Where's your doctor? You people from LLS never stop talking about that awful thing. Ours is just like yours: too expensive, and the spaces are too small. Go back to sleep. SDO

Dear Sandra,
So, have you and Ruthie Baby had any feminist cat-fights yet?
- Chauv- pig.

Dear Chauv- pig,
No. Have you been potty-trained yet? SDO

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A FIRST YEAR FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION

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problems then and there, unless they called for common sense and a little logic. Just our presence in the shelter made a great difference to the residents. Most had never had a lawyer, or law student, willing to sit and discuss their difficulties.

My client explained what he faced. He had a job waiting for him, but he needed his driver's license back. He couldn't get that renewed due to a "failure to appear" up in the central valley. He had no money to pay the fine, no way to get back to the county, could I arrange something for him?

I quickly realized the thick manual was full of civil law, not criminal. I knew to send him to the public defender's office for a local offense, but what about a "failure to appear" in another county? I took the details down, but couldn't promise him anything. I explained he might have to go back up north to resolve the problem.

The next morning I called the tiny county seat. The crime that was keeping my client from getting his job? A broken tail light. I told the clerk there was no point in his taking the bus back up there, since he'd have no place to stay while he did community service. She told me the bus stopped coming there two or three years ago. We talked a bit more, and she thought a detailed letter from us, along with one from the shelter, explaining my client was clean and sober and could perform community service at the shelter would probably convince the judge. With any luck, my client is probably working now, saving his money, preparing to be back on his own in a matter of

months.

Not every case has a simple resolution. One 19-year-old had a long juvenile record, which was sealed (Thank God!). An officer got my client on possession and he was sent to a rehab house. He couldn't deal with the rules, and took off. He failed to contact his probation officer for, oh, a few months. He had a court date approaching and knew he was facing serious time. Was there anything I could do?

Most people in trouble look for that magic wand that can make troubles disappear. Many of them slip into drug and alcohol use for similar reasons. The shelter runs 12-step programs, and whatever your opinion of them, they do emphasize personal account-

wanted her to stop getting tickets. For such a thick manual, it sure didn't cover any specific situation I had to resolve. It reminded me of the Harvard Bluebook.

We talked for a while, and my client admitted getting a job was far more important than trying to trace this woman down to get the car back. I sent him to the DMV, grateful that the homeless are at least used to bureaucracies and waiting in line. I told him to take his printout, explain the situation, and find out how he could relinquish ownership.

Next a worker's comp. problem. Why couldn't I get some similar problems? As soon as I learned a little bit about a small area of the law, I was off to an entirely different area. It felt a bit like first-

sovereign immunity very much. Nor was it likely that workfare constituted employment. But there was a solution. The reason GR is only \$212 a month is that the county takes out \$73 a month to enroll every recipient in an HMO. I gave him referrals to the local clinics, and urged him to go the next day. He needed treatment, he needed to start a file. After that, who knows. I referred him to a couple of agencies that deal with worker's comp. claims and wished him well.

Now I wasn't doing this all alone. There are always supervisors. Unfortunately these obscure questions of law can often stump everyone present, unless someone has some particular expertise. We would confer and decide on the common sense approach, but if the law was based on common sense West Publishing would be out of business.

Our visits to the shelter at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration facility are somewhat similar. The building is much smaller, as is the number of clients. But then the Evening Advocates only started the project in November. On any given night there are an estimated 120,000 veterans living on the streets in Los Angeles County. As the word of our program spreads, we expect the demand to increase. And as the number of volunteer lawyers and law students grows, we hope to add another westside shelter that has never had a legal assistance program.

The veterans, too, are clean and sober, very grateful that we've taken the time to help them resolve their problems. The majority are infractions and misdemeanors. With a client's name and date of birth you can get a list of outstanding violations by phone. The crimes are very depressing: Open container, in a park after hours, sitting on a bus bench while three consecutive buses pass. These are very easy to collect when you're drunk in public. Once the client fails to appear on these "hassle" tickets, the judge issues a bench warrant. Then the police can arrest the client any time he's making

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"SHELTER"**



THE BELL SHELTER

ability and making amends. So my client wasn't really looking to me to solve all his problems, just to keep him out of jail. I gave him some referrals, urged him to contact his probation officer, but what else could I do? Our actions have consequences, recognizing that is essential to surviving in this world. He had run away many times, from many situations. Running isn't the answer.

Finally a civil case. A client whose car was stolen. Well, not stolen, but taken by his ex-girlfriend. She was running up tickets, which kept him from getting his driver's license renewed. The car was in his name, but when he bought it, he never got a pink slip. He wanted the car back, but not too much. He mostly

year property, and occasionally made as much sense as covenants running with the land. Next up a man who was much fonder of marriage than divorce. I made a mental note: Is there such a thing as trigamy? How many invalid marriages can he rack up? He seemed ready to try quintigamy.

Finally a repeat, a second worker's comp. question. This client was on general relief, which in L.A. County entitles you to \$212 a month. But GR is workfare, not welfare. While performing his workfare, cleaning up a park, my client was injured. Could he get worker's comp.? To him, this passed the straight face test. To me, I wasn't sure. I could tell he wasn't going to like the concept of

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trouble. The police count on the homeless failing to appear. The solution is usually just a matter of getting community service.

But some of these tickets are amazing. Riding the Blue Line with an expired ticket runs in the hundreds of dollars. When it goes to a warrant, it becomes thousands. That's a tremendous number of hours. Sure it has to be high so people won't just take the chance they won't get caught. But you can get a sense of why people would give up, why they would feel the system is completely against them. Our presence, even if we don't know the answer, helps combat that feeling that no one cares.

And then there are the Cold/Wet shelters, projects run only in the winter when temporary shelters are open for protection from exposure. These are very different, much closer to what students expect to find. Big, open armories are filled with cots, people pacing, sleeping, fighting. These souls are on the other side, still using, still running. One woman wanted to get her four children back. She used to work for a law firm in Century City as a clerk, then at copy stores. Alcohol and cocaine overwhelmed her.

The county had placed her kids in foster homes. In a couple of months they'd be up for permanent adoption. She couldn't get them back without money and a place to stay, but she couldn't qualify for most benefits without having the children with her. She'd been through parenting classes and drug programs, but she was still using. The kids were doing well, one was in an honors program at a magnet school. She didn't want them taken away for good. She looked to be in her late forties. I looked over her ID. She was 35. She was bright, she knew the forms I was using, the legal "terms of art." But the thoughts didn't come out the right way anymore. She knew the years of using had affected her

thought processes. I asked her if she had any other problems. She thought she had a couple of failure to appears, she hadn't taken the results of her AIDS testing back to court, the final step in resolving prostitution convictions. She was still turning tricks from time to time. It was the only way to get money. I wanted to tell her to let the kids go, that maybe she'd done what she could for them, she'd given them life. But I also knew that once they were gone for good, a faint flame would go out of her life, that the only reason to overcome her addictions would be extinguished.

The Cold/Wet shelters often require more social work than legal work. They can be a stark contrast to the resident homeless shelters. One girl, an immature 18-year-old, arrived

woman thanked me by sharing the secrets of establishing the best collection route for recyclables in industrial parts of town. She and her husband had gotten together the best route in Long Beach. They always asked the manager before they took anything, they cleaned up the areas, even mess that wasn't part of the recycle pile. They kept records. It was just like a small business, until her husband got a year in jail. Their kids were taken away. She was trying to start over, waiting for him to get out. In a different setting, their initiative and sense of how to treat their "customers" might have given them a chance at running a Subway or a copy store. As it is, I could only help her resolve a few small problems.

But that's all we look for in shelter volunteers.

The L.A. County Barristers Homeless Shelter Project visits four shelters the third Wednesday of each month. Information is available from the Evening Advocates or the Public Interest Law Foundation. The Evening Advocates run a shelter project at the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration facility the second Saturday of each month. For information, contact the Evening Advocates. During the winter months Public Counsel runs a Cold/Wet Shelter Project. The last Cold/Wet shelter visit for the season is on February 11th. Both the Public Interest Law Foundation and the Evening Advocates have details. The Evening Advocates also collect wearable, not repairable, men's and women's clothing for the Bell Shelter residents on a regu-



THE BELL SHELTER

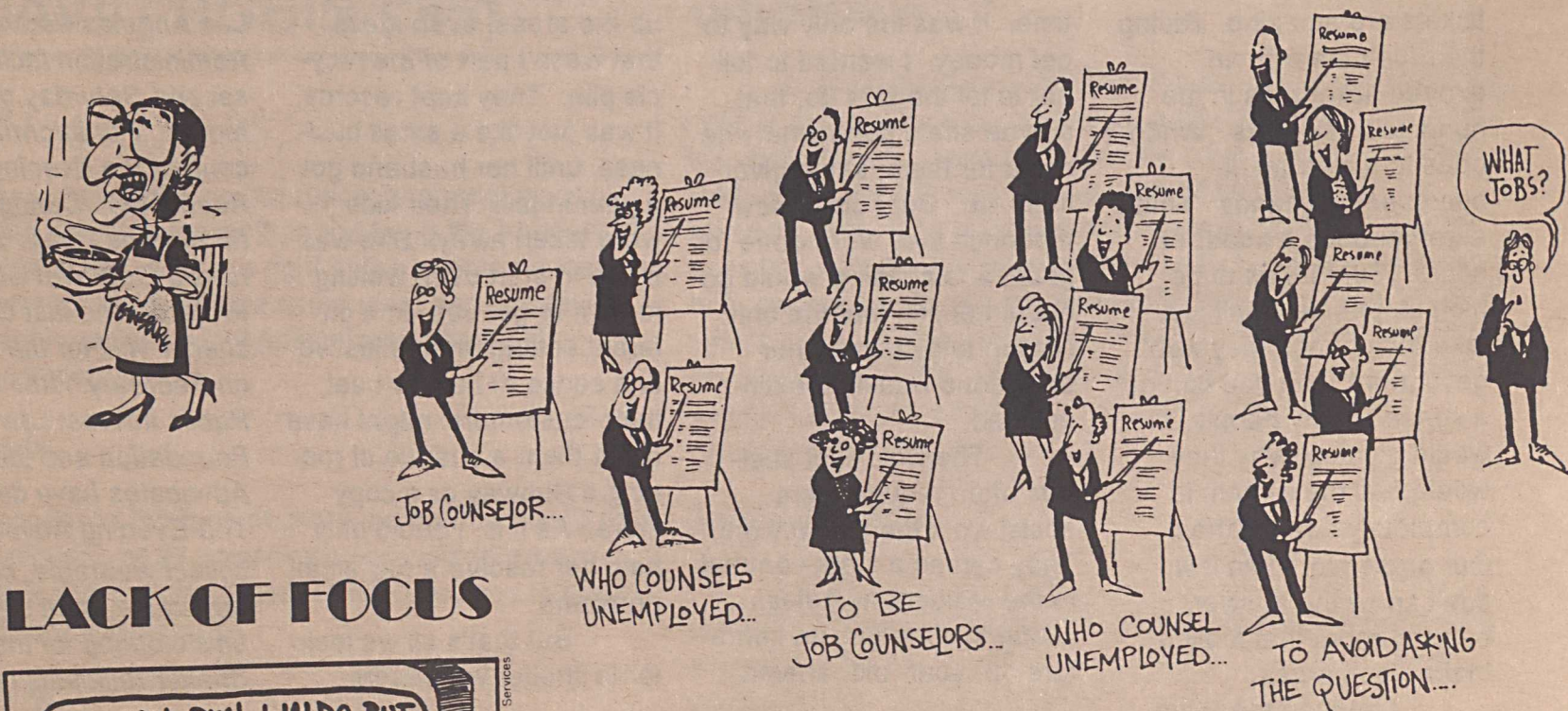
from Montana a few months before. She'd taken up with a guy. He'd gotten her benefits added to his. Then they got tossed out of the house where he was renting a room. Lately he'd become abusive. She wanted the benefits in her own name so she could get away. Plus she was sure she was now pregnant. She knew this meant a lot more benefits, and she didn't want him to know. If people have to hit bottom before you're ready to start rebuilding your life, Cold/Wet shelters will test your concept of hitting bottom.

But you can help people. They are grateful. One

Taking the time, just listening and discussing problems. Making a referral, or occasionally resolving a problem by yourself. Looking a client in the eye, not turning away as we do when we're panhandled on the street. Leaving them with a sense that when they are ready to fight back, to stop using, to get job training, that the system won't beat them back forever. Letting them know that someone recognizes the tremendous commitment necessary to overcome what may be years of addiction and life on the streets, and is willing to lend a hand.

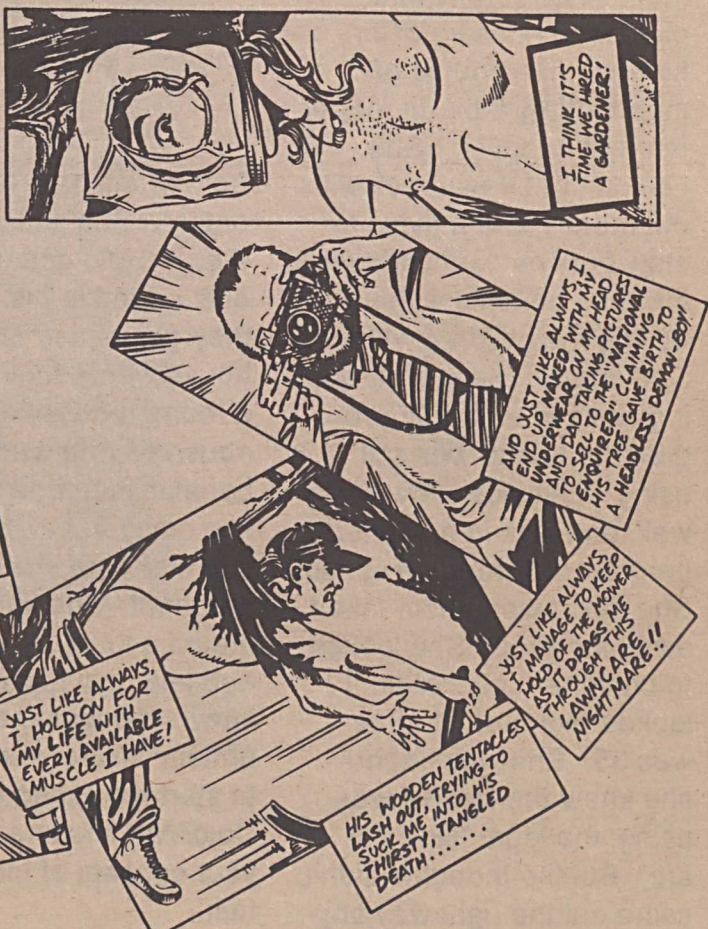
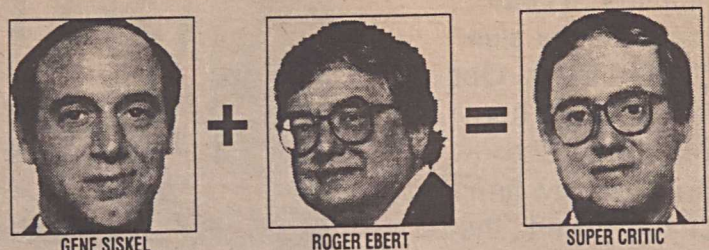
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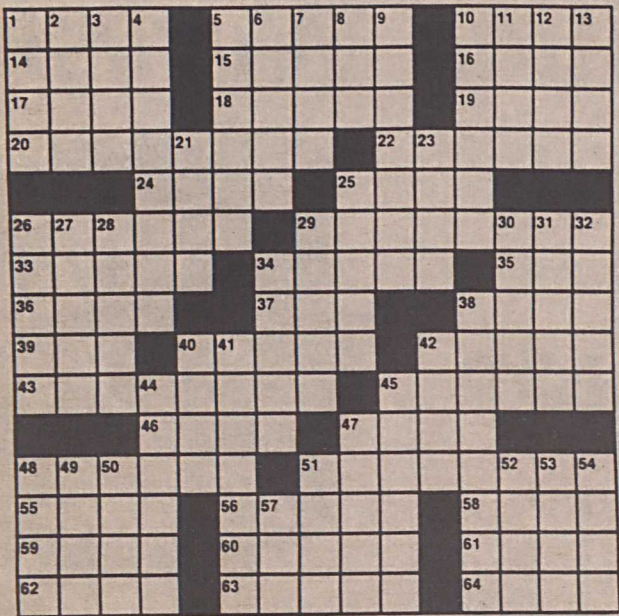
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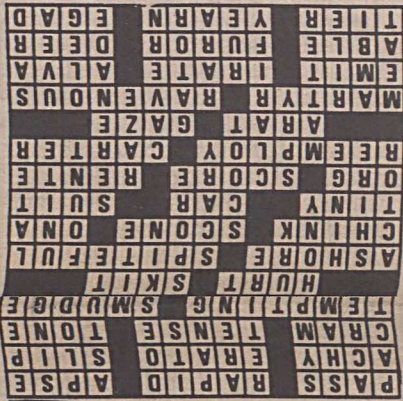
CROSSWORDS

- ACROSS
1 Go by
5 Speedy
10 Vaulted building part
14 Painful
15 Poetic Muse
16 Error
17 Study in haste
18 Stretched tight
19 Resiliency
20 Desirable
22 Blur
24 Feel pain
25 Short play
26 On land
29 Malicious
33 Small opening
34 Quick bread
35 — shoestring
36 Wee
37 Balloon basket
38 Befit
39 Assn.'s cousin
40 Make points
42 French income
43 Hire again
45 Former White House name
46 Smell — (be leery)
47 Stare
48 Sufferer of a kind
51 Very hungry
55 Give off
56 Hot under the collar
58 Thomas — Edison
59 Competent
60 Uproar
61 Antlered animal
62 Row
63 Pine
64 Minced oath
- DOWN
1 Treaty between nations
2 Land measure
3 Phony
4 Musical work
5 Hit the hay
6 Common contraction
7 Spasm



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ANSWERS



- 8 "— a girl!"
9 Soft leather
10 Shrewd
11 Walk heavily
12 Vocalize
13 Dueling weapon
21 Ottoman
23 A very little
25 Seedlike body
26 Player
27 County in Eng.
28 Device on a door
29 Frightening
30 Spring of water
31 Join
32 Thereafter
34 Get going!
38 Sing to
40 Brisk
41 Make understandable
42 Level
44 Make a difference
45 Grotto
47 Croc's cousin

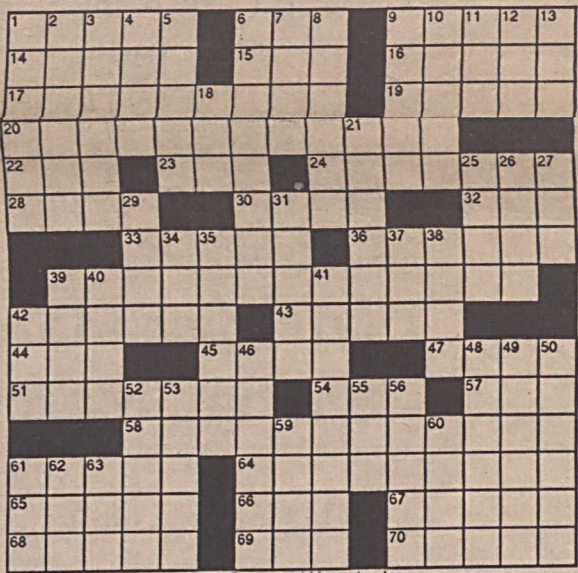
- 48 Edible portion
49 Both: pref.
50 Make peevish
51 — avis
52 Mr. Cassini
53 Eye part
54 Red gem
57 Medicinal herb

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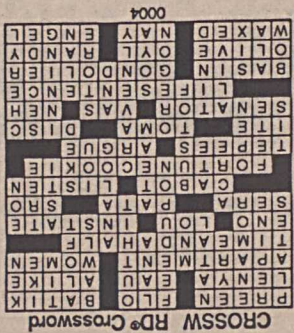
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- ACROSS
1 Dress to the nines
6 Andy Capp's wife
9 Hand-dyed fabric
14 From Russia With Love actress
15 — Claire, Wis.
16 From the same mold
17 Flat
19 Part of NOW
20 Magazine for teamsters?
22 Rocker Brian Piniella or Ferrigno
23 Lie (repose in the Rotunda)
28 Not quite notte
30 — cake
32 B.O. posting
33 Northwest Passage seeker
36 Railroad-crossing word
39 Magazine for Chinese restaurateurs?
- 42 Crow homes
43 Confront the ump
44 Suffix with krypton
45 Tony Musante TV series
47 Brake part
51 Dan Quayle, once
54 Duct
57 O.T. book
58 Magazine for jailbirds?
61 "— Street Blues"
64 Venetian hackie
65 With 66-Across, Thimble Theatre character
66 See 65-Across
67 Actor Quaid
68 Did the floor
69 Vote against
70 Actress Georgia
- 4 Brontë's governess
5 Province of South Africa
6 Draw strength from
7 Smallville's Lang
8 Swing the bat more effectively
9 Squalls
10 Hang-gliding, perhaps
11 Conway of McHale's Navy
12 1952 campaigner
13 Barbie's main squeeze
18 Telephone-dial triad
21 Not digital
25 Wine spot
26 Apple or lemon
27 Billions and billions of years
29 160 square rods
31 Starters
34 Played the trencherman
- 35 Aristotle Contemplating the — Homer
37 Letters of obligation
38 Timetable, slangily
39 Elaborate shindig
40 Golf tourney
41 Like a chicken
42 "— the season ..."
46 The Beaver State
48 Reliever's short stint
49 Break away
50 Feminine Ladd
52 "Man —"
53 Like a pitchfork
55 "— how!"
56 Salt away
59 Salty sauce
60 Dash
61 Stern
62 King preceder
63 — figures (a hefty salary)



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